

Representative McCollum for consideration of sections 537 and 1080 of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Smith of Texas is appointed in lieu of Representative McCollum for consideration of sections 1066 and 1201–16 of the Senate amendment. As additional conferees from the Committee on Resources, for consideration of sections 247, 601, 2821, 1401–14, 2901–13, and 2921–31 of the House bill, and sections 251–52, 351, 601, 1074, 2821, 2836, and 2837 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hansen, Saxton, and Miller of California. As additional conferees from the Committee on Science, for consideration of sections 203, 211, 245, and 247 of the House bill, and sections 211 and 251–52 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Walker, Sensenbrenner, and Harman. As additional conferees from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 324, 327, 501, and 601 of the House bill, and sections 345–348, 536, 601, 641, 1004, 1009–1010, 1311, 1314, and 3162 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Coble, and Barcia. As additional conferees from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for consideration of sections 556, 638, and 2821 of the House bill, and sections 538 and 2828 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Stump, Smith of New Jersey, and Montgomery. As additional conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sections 905, 1041(c)(2), 1550(a)(2), and 3313 of the House bill, and sections 1045(c)(2), 1214 and 1323 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Crane, Thomas, and Gibbons.

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Agreed to the Dellums motion to instruct conferees to insist upon a total level of funding for operations and maintenance not less than the total of the amounts provided in section 301 of the House bill; a level of funding for military personnel not less than the amount provided in section 421 of the House bill; and a total level of funding for military construction and military family housing not less than the total of the amounts provided in division B of the House bill.

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By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 326, agreed to the Weldon of Pennsylvania motion that conference committee meetings be closed to the public when classified information is under consideration.

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Order of Business: It was made in order that for consideration of H.R. 3734 that the first reading of the bill be dispensed with, that all points of order against consideration of the bill be waived, that gen-

eral debate be confined to the bill and be limited to two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, that after general debate the Committee of the Whole rise without motion, and that no further consideration of the bill be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

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Budget Reconciliation: The House completed two hours of general debate on H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997. Debate will continue on Thursday, July 18.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 18.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7780–81.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on page H7661.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7690, H7711, H7711–12, H7712–13, H7713–14, H7714–15, H7715, and H7744. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry held a hearing to review agricultural extension programs administered by the USDA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Catherine Woteki, Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education and Extension; and the Bob Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; and public witnesses.

EVOLUTION OF THE BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Continued hearings on "How Did We Get Here From There?" A Discussion of the Evolution of the Budget Process from 1974 to the Present. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1627, Food Quality Protection Act. Testimony was heard from witnesses.

FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1627, Food Quality Protection Act.

FBI BACKGROUND FILES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on Security of FBI Background Files. Testimony was heard from the following Special Agents, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury: John Libonati, Supervisory Special Agent; Jeffrey Undercoffer, Access Control Branch; and Arnold Cole, Supervisor, Access Control Branch.

AFRICA'S ENVIRONMENT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Africa's Environment: The Final Frontier. Testimony was heard from Gary Bombardier, Assistant Administrator, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

VIOLENT YOUTH PREDATOR ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued mark up of H.R. 3565, Violent Youth Predator Act of 1996.

Committee recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ACT

Committee on National Security: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3237, Intelligence Community Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3579, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming; H.R. 2505, amended, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions; H.R. 3287, amended, Crawford National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 3546, amended, Walhalla National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; and H.R. 3557, amended, Marion National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 2122, amended, to designate the Lake Tahoe Basin National Forest in the States of California and Nevada to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture; H.R. 2438, amended, to provide for the conveyance of lands to certain individuals in Gunnison County, Colorado; H.R. 2518, amended to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Wenatchee National Forest for certain lands owned by Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington; H.R. 2709, amended, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the Del Norte County Unified School District of Del Norte County, California; H.R. 3147, amended, to provide for the exchange of certain

lands in the State of California managed by the Bureau of Land Management for certain non-federal lands; H.R. 2135, amended, to provide for the correction of boundaries of certain lands in Clark County, Nevada, acquired by persons who purchased such lands in good faith reliance on existing private land surveys; H.R. 2711, to provide for the substitution of timber for the canceled Elkhorn Ridge Timber Sale; H.R. 3534, amended, Mineral King Act of 1996; H.R. 3487, amended, National Marine Sanctuaries Preservation Act. and H.R. 3537, amended, Federal Oceanography Coordination Improvement Act of 1996.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2710, Hoopa Valley Reservation South Boundary Correction Act; and H.R. 3671, United Houma Nation Recognition and Land Claims Settlement Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representative Riggs; Michael Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 3760, Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1996 providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Oversight. The rule provides that no amendment will be in order except an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3505 (as modified by an amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules), if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, and provides that it will be considered as read, will be debatable for one hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent, and will not be subject to amendment. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thomas and Representatives Fawell, Shays, Greenwood, Horn, Castle, Smith of Washington, Wamp, Fazio, Clay, Obey, Martinez, Farr, Maloney, and Meehan.

WELFARE AND MEDICAID REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing two hours of additional general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The

rule provides for the adoption in the House and in the Committee of the Whole of an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3829 (as modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules) and that the bill, as amended, be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.

The rule provides for the consideration of an amendment printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget, or his designee, which shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, which shall not be subject to further amendment or to a demand for a division of the question and against which all points of order are waived. The rule provides for the consideration of a further amendment if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee, consisting of the text of H.R. 3832, debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, which shall not be subject to amendment and against which all points of order are waived. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich, Representatives Shaw, Roukema, Castle, Stenholm, Richardson, and Tanner.

CONGRESSIONAL REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing to further examine congressional reform proposals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rohrabacher, Doolittle, Pombo, Royce, Coburn, Foley, Schroeder, Volkmer, Skaggs, Barrett of Wisconsin, Eshoo, Minge, Stupak, Woolsey, Underwood and Rivers.

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs held a hearing on H.R. 1863, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representatives Morella, Campbell, Frank of Massachusetts and Studds; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a joint hearing on H.R. 3217, National Invasive Species Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Capt. Richard E. Bennis, USCG, Chief Office of Response, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Alfred M. Beeton, Acting

Chief Scientist, NOAA, Department of Commerce; David G. Davis, Deputy Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, EPA; William E. Roper, Assistant Director, Civil Works Program, Directorate for Research and Development, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following: a conforming amendment to be incorporated into H.R. 3592, Water Resources Development Act of 1996; H.R. 2823, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act, as reported from the Committee on Resources; and H.R. 3815, amended, to make technical corrections and miscellaneous to trade laws.

Joint Meetings

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT

Conferees met on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1617, to consolidate Federal employment training, vocational education, and adult education programs and create integrated statewide workforce development systems, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Government of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to review the Federal Reserve's semi-annual monetary policy report (Humphrey-Hawkins), 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to natural disaster protection and insurance, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 988, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain land to the Secretary of the Army to facilitate construction of a jetty and sand transfer system, and S. 1805, to provide